

# **RATS**

## **Rockford Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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### **RATS RESOLUTION 2006-1**


- RE:** Amendment to the FY 2006 TIP – Transit Element for the Alternatives Analysis of the Central Northern Illinois Commuter Corridor and Urbanized Area Apportionments
- WHEREAS** the Rockford Area Transportation Study (RATS) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area, and the Policy Committee has the specific responsibility to direct and administer the continuing urban transportation planning process; and
- WHEREAS** the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area for FY 2006 was developed in accordance with State and Federal laws and established local procedures in Resolution 2005-7 and adopted by the RATS Policy Committee on September 9<sup>th</sup> of 2005; and
- WHEREAS** on July 28<sup>th</sup> of 2005, the Policy Committee unanimously approved Resolution 2005-6 endorsing the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan in which the feasibility of commuter rail within the RATS boundary is addressed; and
- WHEREAS** the Rockford Area Transportation Study (the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the area), the Cities of Belvidere and Rockford, the Rockford Mass Transit District, and Growth Dimensions, a not-for-profit economic development agency for the City of Belvidere and Boone County (collectively referred to as the Northern Illinois Commuter Rail Initiative, “NICRI”) have been spearheading the effort to continue the New Starts Planning and Project Development Process; and
- WHEREAS** on March 28<sup>th</sup> of 2002, the Policy Committee unanimously approved Resolution 2002-4 endorsing a comprehensive feasibility study to extend commuter rail service into the Central Northern Illinois region; and
- WHEREAS** on January 12<sup>th</sup> of 2005, NICRI accepted this feasibility study and started to secure funding for the next step in the New Starts Planning and Project Development Process, an Alternatives Analysis; and
- WHEREAS** the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) provides financial resources to improve the efficiency of the nation’s surface transportation system; and
- WHEREAS** the Federal Transit Administration, as part of their FY 2006 budget has allocated \$1 million dollars in the National Planning and Research Program (NPRP) under the section 5339 Alternatives Analysis, \$96,140 dollars under the section 5309 New Starts Funding, and apportioned \$2,330,186 under the section 5307 Urbanized Area Apportionments, as indicated in the attached Addendum;

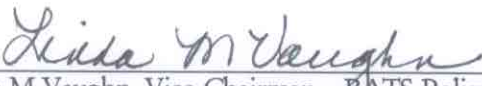
### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy Committee:**


1. Amends the FY 2006 RATS Transportation Improvement Program as documented in the attachment ADDENDUM to include the “Metra-West Line Extension, Elgin to Rockford Alternatives Analysis” specifying said study as described and funded above and for changes to the Urbanized Area Apportionments; and

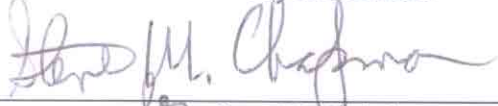
2. Directs that the Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) be engaged to assist RATS and the RATS Study Director in the application and administration of the grant for said Alternatives Analysis; and
3. Appoints NICRI as the official Steering Committee for the "Metra-West Line Extension, Elgin to Rockford Alternatives Analysis," ; and
4. Directs NICRI and RMTD to cooperate in the coordination of said Alternatives Analysis and to periodically report to the RATS Technical and Policy Committees as to the progress of the study and when needed seek guidance from the Policy Committee on all matters critical to the study and decisions on the study; and
5. Directs the RATS Study Director and staff to forward this Resolution to all relevant transportation stakeholders.

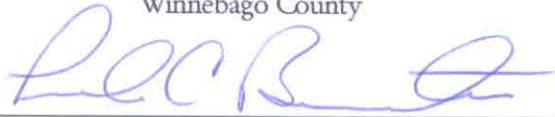
DATED THIS THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2006

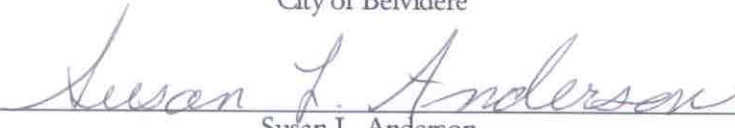
  
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"PROGRAM OF PROJECTS"				TABLE 7		
For the Use of 49 U.S.C. / 5307 Funds						
Urban Area		Rockford, Illinois		Apportionment for 2006		\$ 2,330,186
Designated Recipient & Grantee		Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD)		Carryover funds		\$ 1,840,873
				Transfer funds		-
Program Number		TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$ 4,171,059
		Subaprt. to RMTD				\$ 1,613,597
PRIORITY & PROJECT DESCRIPTION			LOCAL or STATE \$	FTA FUNDING \$	TOTAL \$	
1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE COSTS			275,113	1,100,453	1,375,566	
2 COMPLEMENTARY ADA COSTS			50,000	200,000	250,000	
3 MD PARATRANSIT VEHICLES			48,316	193,264	241,580	
4 REPLACE/UPGRADE CAMERA SYSTEM FOR DRIVE			3,000	12,000	15,000	
5 ENHANCE SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM			2,000	8,000	10,000	
6 REPLACE CONCRETE IN BERTHING AREA			10,000	40,000	50,000	
7 VIDEO INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR TC			3,570	14,280	17,850	
8 ON BOARD INFORMATION CENTER			4,500	18,000	22,500	
9 DEFIBRILLATORS			2,000	8,000	10,000	
10 RISK MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE			1,500	6,000	7,500	
11 ERGO SEAT CUSHIONS			2,400	9,600	12,000	
12 SAFETY EQUIPMENT (VIDEO TEST)			1,000	4,000	5,000	
TOTAL			\$ 403,399	\$ 1,613,597	\$ 2,016,996	

SPECIAL FTA & IDOT-FUNDED PROJECTS									TABLE 8
YEAR	PROJ. #	AGENCY	Description	TOTAL \$	IDOT \$	Local \$	FTA \$ 5309/5339	Justification & Status	
FY91	91D	All RMTD	BUSES/farebxs/radios/lifts, replcmnts	1,200,000	240,000		960,000	ALL PROJECTS: Replace worn-out vehicles and maintain reliable/efficient service. Lift-equip vehicles for ADA compliance.	Projects completed
FY91-96	91D*		PT BUS Replacements (Med-Duty)	110,000	27,500		82,500		
FY91-96	91D*		PT BUS Replacements (Raised RF Van)	35,000	8,750		26,250		
FY95	94K2		Buses/equipped, 30', standard floor	2,115,000	516,143		1,598,857		
FY95	95S3		Buses/equipped, 35', low floor	1,250,000	1,250,000				
FY96	94K4		Buses/equipped, 35', low floor	750,000	225,960		524,040		
				267,500	53,500		214,000		
FY02	02-08	RMTD	East-Side Transfer Center: Feasibility, preconstruction, site acquisition, site prep., possible construction (part or all) and similar activities.	670,000	See Note on TRC		670,000	Satellite transfer center needed to compliment proposed changes in route structure designed to accommodate changes in the spatial distribution of the general population, transit dependent persons and transit dependent activities. Grant finalization underway, pending affirmative finding from feasibility study implementation will proceed with funds remaining from this grant and supplemented with funds from the 5307-funded Project # 03-2 (this TIP, Table 6). NOTE: On May 26, 2005, the FY2005 TIP was amended to allow a portion of IDOT's TOLL REVENUE CREDITS TO BE USED AS LEVERAGE TO USE THE FEDERAL FUNDS AT 100%. The Fed\$ amount of \$670,000 includes both the Federal and State/local total for this item. This amount in shown in the Fed\$ column.	
FY03-04	03-15	RMTD	Fixed-route buses, fleet expansion buses	3	1,005,000	201,000		804,000	Expand fleet to accommodate recent service expansions, changes & variable bus size needs.
FY05	05-08	RMTD	Replacement fixed-route buses	1	335,000	See Note on TRC		335,000	Replace worn out vehicles, maintain safe, reliable service. NOTE: On May 26, 2005, the FY2005 TIP was amended to allow a portion of IDOT's TOLL REVENUE CREDITS TO BE USED AS LEVERAGE TO USE THE FEDERAL FUNDS AT 100%. The Fed\$ amount of \$670,000 includes both the Federal and State/local total for this item. This amount in shown in the Fed\$ column.
FY04-05	04-2	RMTD	Replacement fixed-route buses	15	4,125,000	825,000		3,300,000	Maintain safe, efficient service throughout the community.
FY06	06-1	RMTD	PT BUSES (Med-Duty)	4	303,681	60,736		242,945	To increase service to include NE Winnebago Co.
FY06	06-2	RMTD	Alternatives Analysis for NICRI		120,175	24,035		96,140	To start an alternatives analysis of the Metra-West Line Extension
FY 06	06-3	RMTD	Alternatives Analysis for NICRI		1,250,000	250,000		1,000,000	To start an alternatives analysis of the Metra-West Line Extension
FY06-08	All uncompleted projects above are reauthorized for FY 2006								
YEAR	PROJ. #	AGENCY	Description	TOTAL \$	IDOT \$	Local \$	FTA \$ 5314	Justification & Status	
FY03-04	03-14	RMTD with Rockford & Belvidere	Rockford-Belvidere transit feasibility study	198,700	-	-	198,700	Amended into the FY 2003 TIP on 6/27/03, National Planning and Research Program (5314) will be used to study the feasibility of developing a commuter rail link between the Rockford-Belvidere region and the Chicago region (i.e., the Metra system). Grant to be jointly administered by RMTD, Rockford and Belvidere.	
FY06 thru FY08							Uncompleted projects authorized in FY04-05 or earlier, remain authorized for FY 06		